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Every terror camp in Pak within reach of Indian armed forces: LG Sinha

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POONCH/NEWSHERA: Stating that Pakistan and the world know that every inch of its territory hosting terror camps is within the reach of the Indian Armed Forces, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said, "Operation Sindoor" has sent a strong message globally – "This is not the old Bharat. This is New Bharat, which will not tolerate terrorism."

Interacting with the soldiers deployed at Poonch and Nowshera sector along the Line of Control (LoC), LG Sinha, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) hailed the unparalleled courage and professionalism of the Indian soldiers. "Not just India, but the entire world today acknowledges the bravery of Indian troops," he said. "Operation Sindoor is a living example of India's military and strategic might."

Highlighting India's rising global stature, LG Sinha said, "We have already emerged as the world's 5th largest economy and are on our way to becoming the 4th. Every Indian aspires for a Viksit Bharat,



while our neighbour, deep in debt and struggling to feed its people, continues to support terrorism."

Sending a stern warning to Pakistan, the Lieutenant Governor said, "This time, the enemy (Pakistan) has been taught a lesson. If it dares

again, its next seven generations will remember the consequences." LG Sinha said that the "Operation Sindoor" has drawn a new red line. "In just 23 minutes, India brought

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LG Sinha interacts with troops at Poonch, Nowshera

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POONCH/RAJOURI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Wednesday reviewed the security situation along the border and interacted with the brave soldiers deployed at Poonch and Nowshera sector. The Lieutenant Governor saluted the indomitable courage and gallantry of Army forces personnel in "Operation Sindoor". He said, the invincible power of our Brave Soldiers has ensured a decisive victory for Bharat.

"Dharma has won and Adharma has surrendered before your weapons and might. I am proud that in just a few days our brave soldiers broke the back of the enemy and today

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Gunners Decimated Over 20 Enemy Posts Meant For Infiltration Of Terrorists Into Poonch: Official

KC News Network

POONCH: After the Pahalgam terror attack, the Indian Army's artillery gunners turned targeted and decimated over 20 Pakistani posts meant for staging infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch sector, a top official said.

Failing to match up to the Indian troops' assault, Pakistan targeted civilian areas, causing casualties in the Poonch sector, the official added. The Poonch sector witnessed heightened tension and artillery



shelling nearly two weeks ago. India launched Operation Sindoor, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives.

The wave of artillery shelling, missile, and drone strikes in the Jammu region – particularly in Poonch – killed 27 people and left over 70 injured between May 8 and 10. Thousands fled from the LoC and International Border areas to seek refuge in government-run relief camps.

"As we received orders on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of May, we fired over 600 rounds of artillery shells in three days, targeting accurately and precisely over 20 enemy posts. These posts were part of the terror infrastructure and used for infiltrating terrorists into India," an officer of the artillery unit said.

According to the army, the precision strikes crippled enemy logistics, material, and morale.

"As troops hit and destroyed the posts, we knew we had devastated their (Pakistan's) men, material, and morale," the officer said.

The Army released a video of 'target practice' of decimated Pakistani posts along LoC in Poonch sector, where guns were seen in action for three days.

A captain said intercepts from across the border suggested there were a large number of launching pads and terror administrative setups. "These have been targeted," he said, adding, "It was thunder in the sky and it landed right on their heads." Another officer, detailing Operation Sindoor and overseeing a sensitive operational area, said, "The fire after the Pahalgam attack was

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LG Sinha announces Govt jobs for NOKs of Pak shelling victims

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POONCH/JAMMU: One member of each family that lost a loved one in the recent cross-border shelling in Jammu and Kashmir will be given a government job, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday, assuring the affected people that their proper rehabilitation remains a top priority.

The Poonch sector witnessed heightened artillery shelling nearly two weeks ago following the rise in India-Pakistan tensions after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 civilian lives.

A wave of artillery shelling, missiles and drone strikes by Pakistan in the Jammu region – particularly in Poonch – killed 27 people and injured over 70 between May 8 and 10 after India launched Operation Sindoor to target terror infrastructure in the neighbouring country and PoK.

Thousands have fled from the LoC and International Border areas to seek refuge in government-run relief camps.

During his visit to the border district of Poonch, the Lieutenant Governor met troops and also families who

BSF foiled infiltration bid of nearly 50 terrorists in Samba: DIG Mand

Yogesh

JAMMU: The Border Security Force (BSF) foiled an infiltration bid of nearly 50 terrorists during "Operation Sindoor" on May 8, a top official of the paramilitary force said on Wednesday.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of the BSF, SS Mand, according to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said, "On May 8 a major infiltration attempt involving 45-50 heavily armed terrorists was thwarted by the alert BSF personnel in Samba district."

He said, "The group, attempting to sneak

into Indian territory under the cover of ceasefire violations, was met with a fierce counter-offensive. BSF retaliated with heavy mortar fire, neutralizing enemy positions and forcing the infiltrators to retreat."

"We had prior intelligence that a large group was attempting infiltration. Our alert troops identified them early, and within 1.5 hours of engagement, the group was repelled with heavy losses. Our forces responded with precision and intensity, degrading their bunkers and suppressing their firepower," DIG Mand said, according to KNO.

Karnah: Army assists in repairing mosque damaged in Pak shelling

KC News Network

Kupwara (Karnah): In a gesture of goodwill and solidarity, Indian Army extended immediate assistance to residents of Chota Gaon Mohalla at Ibhot village in Karnah sector, after a local mosque suffered damage during unprovoked shelling from across the Line of Control (LoC).

The cross-border shelling, initiated by Pakistani forces, caused structural damage to the mosque. The corrugated galvanised iron (CGI) sheets on the roof were torn apart, a solar panel system was destroyed, and the prayer matting inside the mosque was damaged.

Responding swiftly, the Indian Army helped restore the mosque by repairing the roof, reinstating the solar energy system, and replacing the prayer matting, allowing the place of worship to resume its religious and community functions. The aid was part of the Army's continued

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Kashmir Zone IGP Reviews Security Arrangements For Amarnath Yatra

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: Kashmir zone Inspector General of Police (IGP) VK Birdi on Wednesday reviewed the security arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra, scheduled to begin on July 3, Muharram and other upcoming significant events in the Valley.

At the review meeting, officers briefed the IGP about the security measures, shared insights from past experiences, and emphasised the need for robust communication channels, seamless coordination among forces, and advanced real-time monitoring systems.

The discussions focused on strengthening the existing



security infrastructure, enhancing surveillance tactics, and optimising personnel deployment along the key locations, a spokesperson said.

The IGP took stock of the arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra, Muharram and other upcoming events during a meeting held at the Police Control Room, Kashmir, he said.

DIG Central Kashmir Rajiv Panday, DIG North Kashmir Maqsood Ul Zaman, DIG South Kashmir Javid Iqbal Matoo, SSP PCR Kashmir, all district SSsP of Kashmir Zone and other officers attended the meeting. Birdi reviewed the security framework

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NC's Working Committee passes 7 resolutions, discusses sufferings of shelling-affected areas

Owais Gul

SRINAGAR: The National Conference (NC) Central Working Committee on Wednesday passed seven resolutions, including the immediate restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

As per details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the meeting was chaired by party president Dr Farooq Abdullah at Nawa-e-Subha.

The meeting also observed a two-minute silence to pay tribute to 26 civilians killed in the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

This was the first meeting of the party's highest decision-making body after it came to power in Jammu and Kashmir by winning the 2024 Assembly elections.

Sources privy to the development told KNO that several issues were discussed in the meeting in which nearly 45 members, including Chief

Minister Omar Abdullah, his Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, CM's Advisor, Nasir Aslam Wani, legislators and others participated. The meeting discussed threadbare about the shelling hit areas and

being sabotaged," one of the participants said.

NC spokesperson, Imran Nabi Dar, when contacted, said that the dual-power system was discussed threadbare. The participants have expressed



the necessary compensation to the affected families.

Several legislators present in the meeting also expressed resentment against the dilly-dallying tactics at the administrative level with regard to the public works.

"The legislators raised issues of how the public works are being delayed and how the mission of the National Conference (NC) is

resentment in this regard and pitched for the restoration of statehood.

He added that the dual-power system is not in favour of the people and thus the statehood must be restored at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the meeting passed seven resolutions, including condemnation of violence

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Heatwave Grips J&K; Jammu Sizzles at 41.4°C, Srinagar at 32°C

Owais Gul

SRINAGAR: There is no letup in the heat wave conditions in Jammu and Kashmir as multiple areas, including Jammu, the winter capital of the region, recorded the season's hottest day on Wednesday.

According to the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), amidst the forecast of hot and dry weather conditions, Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a maximum temperature of 32.0 degrees Celsius.

Jammu city has recorded the hottest day of the season at 41.4 degrees Celsius, while Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, has also recorded the season's highest day temperature at 33.2 degrees Celsius. Several other areas also witnessed



scorching heat with Pahalgam recording a day temperature of 25.8 degrees Celsius, Kupwara at 30.0 degrees Celsius, Kokernag at 31.5 degrees Celsius and Gulmarg, a famous ski resort, at 23.2 degrees Celsius. However, in Jammu division, Banihal station recorded a day temperature of 30.4

degrees Celsius, Batote at 30.1 degrees Celsius, Katra at 36.8 degrees Celsius and Bhaderwah at 31.3 degrees Celsius. Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said the rise in maximum

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Operation Sindoor Diplomacy begins as delegations leave for Japan, UAE

Sajid Raina

NEW DELHI: India has initiated a major diplomatic outreach named Operation Sindoor Diplomacy to convey its position on cross-border terrorism as two parliamentary delegations departed on Wednesday for Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), marking the beginning of a multi-nation campaign to highlight India's concerns, particularly related to Pakistan's role in terrorism.

According to the details obtained by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO),

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PDP Leader Condemns NC For 'Resolution'

KC News Network

SRINAGAR: People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Waheed Para on Wednesday hit out at the National Conference (NC), saying it had passed resolutions for the restoration of special status and statehood to Jammu and Kashmir in a party meeting instead of the legislative

assembly.

"So, the National Conference, armed with a brute mandate of 50 MLAs, passed a resolution on special status and statehood – not in the J&K Assembly, where such matters belong, but in its party office, Nawai-i-Subh.

"Let that sink in. What's next? A cabinet meeting in the party office?" Para posted on his X handle.

He was reacting to the NC Working Committee passing a series of resolutions at its meeting on Wednesday, which included reaffirmation for the restoration of

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Waqf Case: Nobody Has Right Over Government Land Even Under Waqf By User Principle, Centre To SC

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that nobody can claim right over government land and it is legally empowered to reclaim properties which are declared waqf by using the waqf by user principle.

Waqf by user refers to a concept where a property is recognised as waqf based on its long-term use for religious or charitable purposes, even without formal documentation.

Responding to the submissions challenging the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta commenced advancing his arguments on behalf of the Centre before a bench comprising Chief Justice BR Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih.

"Nobody has the right over government land," the top law officer said.

"There is a Supreme Court judgment which says the government can save the property if it belongs to the government and has been declared as waqf," he said.

At the outset, the law officers said no affected parties have moved the court and "it is nobody's case that Parliament does not have the competence to pass

this legislation." He referred to the report of the joint parliamentary committee and the fact that many state governments and state waqf boards were consulted before the Act came into being.

The bench sought response from the Centre on the pleas of the petitioners that an officer above the rank of the district collector can decide the claim over waqf properties on the grounds that they are of government.

"This is not just misleading but a false argument," the law officer said. The hearing in the case is underway.

The Centre, in its written note, strongly defended the Act, saying waqf by its very nature is a "secular concept" and can't be stayed as there is a "presumption of constitutionality" in its favour.

It addressed the issues the court had previously raised and said the law only sought to regulate secular aspects of waqf administration while safeguarding religious freedom. He said there was no "grave national urgency" calling for its stay.

"It is a settled position in law that constitutional courts would not stay a statutory provision, either directly or indirectly, and will decide the matter finally. There is a presumption of constitutionality that applies



to laws made by Parliament," the note said.

The bench, on Tuesday, underscored the "presumption of constitutionality in favour of the law and said petitioners challenging the waqf law

needed a "strong and glaring" case for interim relief.

"There is a presumption of constitutionality in favour of every statute. For interim relief, you have to make out a very strong and glaring case. Otherwise, presumption of constitutionality will be there," the CJI said when senior advocate Kapil Sibal, leading the charge against the legislation, began his submissions.

The Centre had urged the bench to confine the hearing on pleas to three issues. One of the issues is the power to denotify properties declared as waqf by courts, waqf by user or waqf by deed. The second issue relates to the composition of state waqf boards and the Central Waqf Council, where they contend only Muslims should operate except ex-officio members whereas the last one is over the provision stipulating a waqf property won't be treated as a waqf when the collector conducts an inquiry to ascertain if the property is government land.

The Centre notified the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 last month after it got President Droupadi Murmu's assent on April 5. The bill was cleared by Lok Sabha with the support of 288 members while 232 MPs were against it. The Rajya Sabha saw 128 members voting in its favour and 95 against it.

At UN, India calls maritime, anti-terror strategy vital to national security amid Indo-Pacific shifts

UNITED NATIONS: India told the UN Security Council that it views maritime security and countering terrorism as central to its national security and economic interests as it continues to evolve its strategy in response to new threats and geopolitical shifts in the Indo-Pacific region.

"India, having a long coastline, extensive seafarer community, and capable maritime forces, is actively pursuing its role as a responsible maritime power to safeguard its interests and address emerging threats," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said Tuesday.

He was addressing the UNSC high-level open debate on 'Maintenance of international peace and security: Strengthening Maritime Security through International Cooperation for Global Stability' presided over by Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis under Greece's Presidency of the Council for the month of May.

"India views maritime security and countering terrorism as central to its national security and economic interests. Its approach balances robust defence capabilities, regional diplomacy, international cooperation and domestic infrastructure development. It continues to evolve its strategy in response to new threats and geopolitical shifts in the Indo-Pacific region," Harish said.

India underlined that maritime security is a cornerstone of economic growth as critical trade routes, energy supplies, and geopolitical interests are tied to the oceans.



Harish said that India's maritime security strategy is broad and multifaceted, addressing both traditional threats from state actors and non-traditional threats from piracy, contraband smuggling, illegal human migration, unreported and unregulated fishing, maritime incidents, hybrid threats and maritime terrorism.

He further said that India is committed to promoting a free, open and rules-based maritime order in accordance with the principles of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Furthering this objective, India is undertaking capacity-building efforts to tackle contemporary security challenges and strengthen maritime combat, strategy, and governance, he said.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, addressing the high-level debate, said the

discussion underscores that the basic condition to preserve maritime security is the respect by all countries of the UN Charter and international law as reflected in UNCLOS.

Guterres said that over the years, the Security Council has sought to address a range of threats that undermine maritime security and global peace – from piracy, armed robbery, trafficking and organised crime to destructive acts against shipping, offshore installations and critical infrastructure and terrorism in the maritime domain. These, he said, pose significant threats to international security, global trade and economic stability.

Voicing concern that no region is spared, Guterres said the problem is getting worse. He said that after a modest global decrease in reported piracy and armed robbery incidents in 2024, the first quarter of 2025 saw a sharp upward reversal.

According to the International Maritime Organisation, reported incidents rose by nearly half, 47.5 per cent, compared to the same period in 2024. Guterres noted that incidents in Asia nearly doubled, especially in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

In the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, attacks by the Houthis on commercial vessels have disrupted global trade and increased tensions in an already volatile region. The Gulf of Aden and the Mediterranean Sea "remain treacherously active routes" for migrant smuggling and the trafficking of weapons and human beings.

Heroin from Afghanistan continues to

Trump's sweet tooth: He eats 'good amount' of candy, likes pink Starbursts, Tootsie Rolls

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump has a sweet tooth and his favourites are pink Starbursts and Tootsie Rolls.

So said Karoline Leavitt, the White House press secretary, at a briefing Tuesday for the children of reporters who cover the White House. It was part of a day of activities the White House organised as it observed the annual Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day event.

The Republican president and his wife, first lady Melania Trump, also held separate events of their own.

One child asked Leavitt about Trump's daily candy consumption. She characterised his intake as a "good amount" and added that "he likes pink Starburst and Tootsie Rolls."

A few questions touched on administration policy, such as the state of the US-Mexico border and what Trump is willing to do about climate change.



But even more questions were about his favourite foods and they led Leavitt to share that Trump also likes to eat a "big, beautiful steak," ice cream sundaes with chocolate sauce and some toppings, and hamburgers and fries from McDonald's.

She appeared to be stumped by a few of the inquiries, including about the president's

favourite soccer player and his favourite child. Trump has five adult children.

"That is a very controversial question and I'm not going to answer it," Leavitt said after the laughter subsided. "I know he loves all of his children very much, and they're all great kids." Earlier Tuesday, the first lady joined a few dozen children whose parents work in the Executive Office of the President in decorating wooden American flags. She used a glue stick to attach two silver glittery stars to her red, white and blue flag after she took her seat at one of two tables in the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden on the South Lawn. The first lady admired the children's work and told several that their creations were "beautiful."

"The president visited Capitol Hill early Tuesday to rally House Republican lawmakers around a tax cuts and spending bill he wants Congress to pass.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
FRESH e-Nit AUC Notice 42 OF 2025-26 Dated: 21-05-2025

Outsourcing of Gate Entry Contract with respect to F & V Market ZaznaGanderbal

For and on behalf of MAC Fruit and Vegetable Market **ZaznaGanderbal**, bids accompanied with **CDR worth Rupees: 10,000/-** (Rupees: Ten Thousand only) pledged to Member Secretary MAC Fruit and Vegetable Market ZaznaGanderbal as tender processing fee are invited from public at large/NGO's having valid GST registration, for execution of Gate Entry Contract at F&V Market ZaznaGanderbal for the year **2025-26** commencing from 02-06-2025 to 31-03-2026.

The tender documents can be downloaded from <http://e-tenders.gov.in>

The Tenders/bids shall be opened online in the Office of the Deputy Director Kashmir/Chairperson MAC on bid opening date.

Name of work	Minimum Reserve Bid	Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Contract
Collection of Gate Entry fee of Fruit & Vegetable Market ZaznaGanderbal for the year 2025-26 (w.e.f 00.00 hrs of 02-06-2025 to 2400 hrs of 31-03-2026	1,10,000/- plus GST/TDS/and other taxes as applicable in J&K UT	(10% Minimum bid amount) in favour of Market Administrative Committee Fruit & Vegetable Market ZaznaGanderbal Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 500/- (non-Refundable) in favour of Member Secretary Market Administrative Committee ZaznaGanderbal in the shape of DD	w.e.f.02-06-2025 to 31-03-2026

Critical Dates Table-

1	Publishing Date	21-05-2025
2	Document Download/Sale Date	21-05-2025
3	Bid Submission start Date	21-05-2025
4	Bid Submission Closing Date	30-05-2025 (Up to 4:00 PM)
5	Bid Submission Opening Date	31-05-2025 (At 11:00 AM) at Deputy Director (K) office Rajbagh Srinagar

The Gate Entry Fee for each type of vehicle (loaded/unloaded)/entering/leaving Fruit and Vegetable Market ZaznaGanderbal shall be as under:

S. No.	Type of Vehicle	Entry Fee Per Trip for 2025-26
1	Troller (14/18/20 Tyres)	260/-
	Troller (10/12 Tyres)	210/-
2	Truck/Bus- (06 Tyres)	130/-
3	Matador/Tractor/Jonga/Tata Mobile/Tata sumo/Tavera/Van/Four Wheelers	50/-
4	Auto/Raida/load Carrier-3 wheelers/ Horse Cart/Tiller with trolley	10/-

The committee will comprise of the following members:-

Accounts Officer Horticulture (P&M) J&K : Chairman
Member-Secretary MAC /Area Marketing Officer ZaznaGanderbal : Member
Assistant Grading and Marketing Officer ZaznaGanderbal or Grading and Marketing Inspector : Member
The Successful Tenderer shall have to enter into an agreement with the Member Secretary MAC F&V Market ZaznaGanderbal.

The other terms & conditions are as under:-

The minimum reserve offer is **Rs. 1.10 Lacs** (Rupees One Lac Ten Thousand Only).
The Offer should be super scribed as **Gate Entry Fee for F&V Market Zazna**.
The successful tenderer shall have to execute an agreement with Administrative Committee ZaznaGanderbal within seven days from the date of issue of letter of authority and also has to deposit the full bid amount before execution of agreement.
The successful tenderer shall not raise any structure in the Mandi / Market premises during the contract period.
The allottee shall maintain record of all the vehicle entering the mandi on daily basis (including approximate weight) and submit a copy to the office on daily basis.
The allottee shall utilize the existing structure on gate for collection of gate entry fee.
The allottee shall be bound by the labour laws being in force.
The allottee shall be liable to pay tax of any kind chargeable under the law, whichever is applicable.
The specimen of the receipts (in triplicate) to be used by the successful tenderer shall be provided by the Administrative Committee ZaznaGanderbal.

In case of any dispute between the parties, matter shall be referred to the Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing (J&K) for arbitration and the decision of the competent authority (/Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing J & K) shall be final and binding upon both the parties.

The Administrative Committee shall not be responsible in case of nil or less arrivals in the market due to strike / curfew or other reasons whatsoever.

The Member Secretary Administrative Committee ZaznaGanderbal reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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**Sd/-Deputy Director (K),
Horticulture (P&M), Srinagar**

Uc Santa Cruz Launches Sikh Studies Project Led By Indian-Origin Scholar

HOUSTON: The University of California, Santa Cruz, has launched a new academic initiative aimed at reshaping global perceptions of Sikhism through digital storytelling and inclusive scholarship.

Led by Indian-origin professor of economics and Sikh studies scholar Nirvikar Singh, the project seeks to offer a deeper,

more nuanced understanding of Sikh history, identity, and philosophy.

The project is titled 'Sikhs in the 21st Century: Remembering the Past, Engaging the Future', an official release by the university said on May 15.

The initiative, housed at UCSC's Humanities Institute, produces multimedia content exploring the evolution of Sikh institutions, the impact of colonialism, and the complex identity of the Sikh diaspora.

It challenges oversimplified narratives and aims to offer a more accurate and nuanced view of Sikh history and philosophy,

according to the release.

"Many existing accounts lack depth or are shaped by colonial-era interpretations," said Singh, who earlier held the Sarbjit Singh Aurora Chair of Sikh and Punjabi Studies. "We're reexamining inherited assumptions and opening space for deeper, evidence-based engagement."

In collaboration with UC Santa Cruz's Teaching and Learning Centre, the project also creates space for voices often excluded from Western academic circles, especially young scholars from Punjab and marginalised communities in the Sikh diaspora.

ED Conducts Multi-City Raids In Money Laundering Case

KOLKATA: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday conducted search operations in various cities, including Mumbai, Bengaluru, Jalandhar, Indore and Kolkata, in connection with its probe into alleged



money laundering in a firm.

The searches were carried out under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, the agency said in a social media post.

During the search operations, the ED seized foreign currencies, including US Dollars, Singapore Dollars and Dirhams, amounting to around Rs 6.43 lakh, gold bullion worth Rs 55.74 lakh, and froze bank accounts with a total balance of around Rs 94 lakh, it said.

Property documents, several digital devices, and various incriminating documents were also seized, the agency added. (Agencies)

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Applications are invited from the unemployed/interested persons of District Srinagar of UT of Jammu and Kashmir who intend to establish Fish farming and other Fisheries related units / Projects under "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana" (PMMSY). The details of the activities/components are as under:-

S. No	Component / Activity	Unit Cost (Rs.in Lacs)	Remarks
01	Fish Value add Enterprise	50.00	40% of Unit Cost for General Category & 60% of unit cost for ST/SC/Women Category.
02	Bio-floc Pond	14.00	

The applications shall be received in the District Fisheries Office Srinagar upto 27th May 2025. The allotment/sanction of the units shall be made strictly keeping in view the feasibility/eligibility status and availability of funds under the scheme.

Terms & Conditions:-

1. The applicants will submit Detailed Project Report (DPR) with full justification & technical/economical details, including capital cost and the recurring cost, specific time lines for implementation of project etc.

2. The applicants will provide documentary evidence of availability of requisite land (either own/registered lease document) free from encroachments and encumbrances, sources of finance like Banks consent to provide loan towards the Non-subsidy portion of the project cost or declaration by the beneficiary for own investing, necessary clearances permissions etc.

3. The short listing of the sites with respect to feasibility shall be carried out by the District Level Committee keeping in view the topography, climatic conditions and other parameters of the area amenable for establishment of intended units.

4. The Final Selection of the beneficiaries shall be the domain of District Level Committee framed vide Govt. Order No. 944-JK(GAD) of 2020 dated:15-10-2020 and shall be guided by the necessary orders/guidelines/clarifications issued in this regard from time to time.

Further details/guidelines of the scheme can be had from District Office Srinagar of Fisheries Department during office hours or visit to pmmsy.dof.gov.in.

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**Sd/-Assistant Director Fishereis
District Srinagar**

Bandipora Admin Steps Up Fight Against Drugs with New Youth Clubs

The aim of this initiative was to enhance awareness regarding the detrimental effects of drug abuse and to promote a drug-free community. Artists from the Cultural Unit, Jammu captivated the audience with thematic songs, effectively demonstrating the repercussions of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society at large.

Editorial



E-VEHICLES

The Government of India has made significant strides in promoting sustainable mobility, placing special emphasis on affordable and eco-friendly public transportation options for the masses. A cornerstone of this initiative is the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-India) Scheme, aimed at accelerating the transition to electric mobility. Since its inception in 2015, the scheme has evolved into a robust framework for incentivizing electric vehicles (EVs) and establishing essential infrastructure, ushering in a greener and more sustainable transportation era.

The first phase of FAME was a foundational step, rolled out for two years starting April 1, 2015. Following its success, the scheme's second phase, FAME-II, was launched in 2019 with an ambitious outlay of ₹11,500 crore. Beyond financial incentives, the FAME-II scheme has supported pivotal policy measures, including reducing the GST on EVs and facilitating the formulation of state-specific EV policies. A noteworthy aspect of FAME-II is its phased manufacturing program, which encourages domestic production of EV components and reduces reliance on imports. With an expenditure of ₹8,844 crore under FAME-II—comprising ₹6,577 crore for subsidies, ₹2,244 crore for capital assets, and ₹23 crore for other expenses—the government has demonstrated its unwavering focus on fostering an EV ecosystem. The scheme's progress has positioned India as a key player in sustainable mobility, significantly reducing the nation's carbon footprint while creating new economic opportunities in the EV sector. As India accelerates its transition to green mobility, the success of FAME-II sets the stage for deeper investments in clean energy transportation solutions. However, to fully capitalize on these gains, there is a need for consistent policy support, rapid infrastructure development, and increased public awareness about the environmental and economic benefits of EVs. With the right blend of innovation, collaboration, and governance, India can pave the way for a sustainable transportation future that resonates globally.

The Eternal Quest: Redemption in the Flow of Human Consciousness



SHABEER AHMAD LONE

Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. Just keep going. No feeling is final." -RM Rilke

"I wish I could show you, when you are lonely or in darkness, the astonishing light of your own being." -Hafiz

"The wound is the place where the Light enters you." "Don't grieve. Anything you lose comes round in another form." -Rumi

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." St. Augustine

"Pain and suffering are always inevitable for a large intelligence and a deep heart. The really great men must, I think, have great sadness on earth." -Fyodor Dostoevsky

To see a world in a grain of sand / And a heaven in a wild flower, / Hold infinity in the palm of your hand, / And eternity in an hour." -W.Blake

Throughout the long arc of human history, one question has persistently animated the heart, haunted the conscience, and elevated the spirit: Can we be redeemed? Redemption—whether conceived as the liberation of the soul, the healing of memory, the purification of guilt, or the restoration of balance or the idea of being saved, renewed, or liberated from suffering or wrongdoing, has served as one of the most powerful and unifying motifs across the world's spiritual, philosophical, artistic, and psychological traditions. It is the silent yearning behind every prayer, the tremble in every act of confession, the courage behind every moral struggle, and the radiance behind every act of forgiveness.

Redemption reflects a timeless cry for wholeness amidst fragmentation, a return to the center from which we have strayed. Whether whispered in the solitude of a mystic's heart, thundered through prophetic proclamations, or reflected in the self-transformative insights of secular minds, it reveals the deepest contours of our shared humanity. It testifies to our unique capacity to hope beyond despair, to find light through wounds, to transform loss into

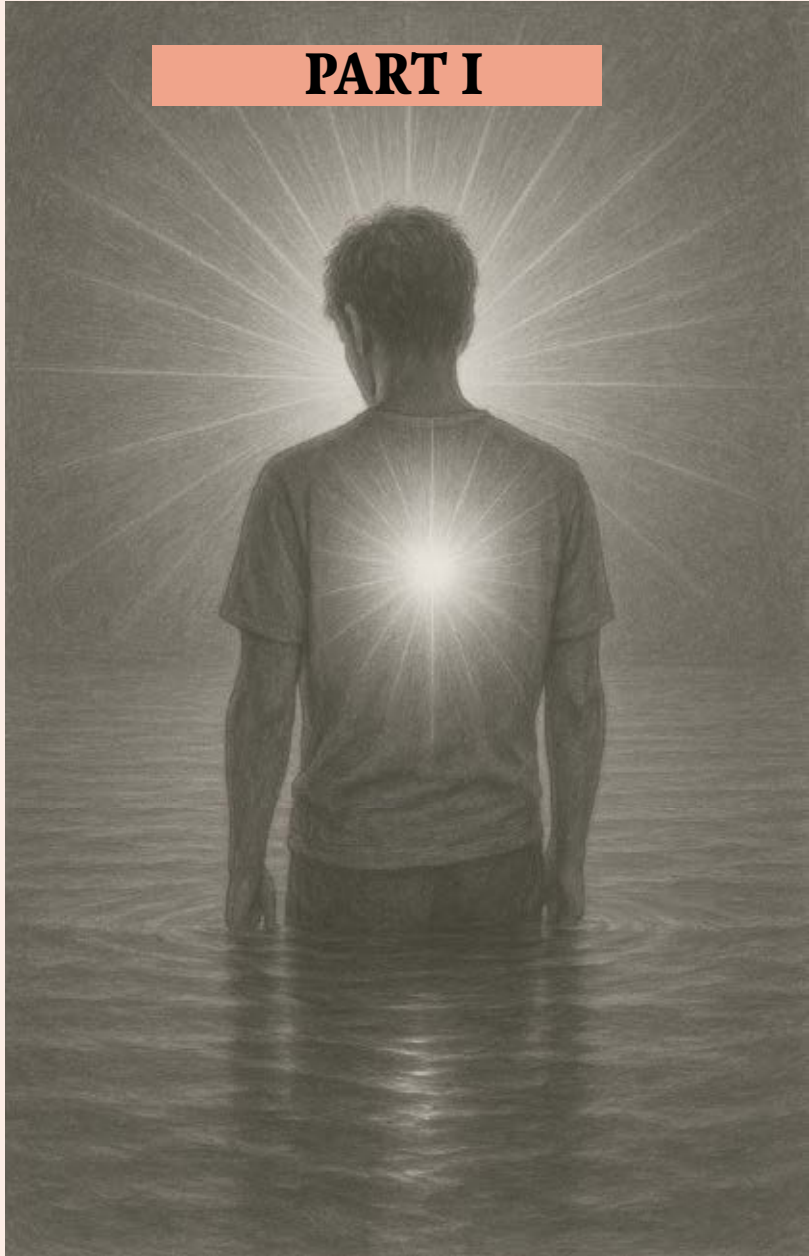
meaning, and to become more through suffering—not less. In a world often scarred by alienation, violence, and moral confusion, the redemptive impulse appears not as escapism but as the most courageous

even when obscured. Redemption is thus not a static doctrine, but a living, evolving tapestry of human consciousness—woven from countless traditions, trials, and insights,

transcends individual cultures and epochs, reflecting an essential aspect of the human condition. Redemption is deeply intertwined with the notion of moral imperfection, with humanity's intrinsic vulnerability often leading to error, suffering, and moral failings. Redemption arises as a response, not merely rectifying personal moral failings but representing a transformative vision for transcending human frailty. It offers renewal and restoration for those who have strayed or endured profound suffering, but it also exists in tension and paradox, positioned between individual salvation and collective liberation, between personal transformation and shared moral progress. This duality renders it richly multi-faceted, with the capacity to address both internal struggles and broader social concerns.

Religious traditions articulate the theme of redemption with profound insight, each offering unique expressions that both unite and distinguish human experiences. In Christianity, redemption centers on salvation history, with Christ's ultimate sacrifice redeeming humanity from original sin. Christian redemption merges notions of divine love, forgiveness, and transformative grace. St. Paul writes, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace," emphasizing both the universal need and the divine gift of redemption. In Judaism, redemption is equally central but often takes a communal focus. The story of the Exodus embodies the Israelites' redemption from slavery, and the yearning for messianic redemption—an age of peace and justice—is a core element of Jewish eschatology. It is not solely about personal atonement but expresses a collective longing for world renewal. Similarly, Islam presents redemption as a journey of forgiveness and divine mercy, linked to individual repentance but ultimately fulfilled in the hereafter, when justice is restored. In Hinduism, redemption is seen as liberation (moksha) from the cycle of samsara (birth, death, and rebirth), in which the individual soul (atman) attains unity with the divine (Brahman). Redemption, here, is a profound spiritual liberation, achieved through devotion, knowledge, and ethical action. Buddhism, too, seeks liberation from the cycle of samsara. However, Buddhist redemption focuses on enlightenment (nirvana), which frees individuals from suffering and ego's illusions, marking the final liberation from attachment and ignorance. Each tradition shapes redemption in ways that address both universal human longings and specific doctrinal understandings.

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affirmation of life's sacred possibility. It is not merely about rescue—it is about remembering; the astonishing light, dignity, and divinity within and around us,

and constantly inviting us to reimagine what it means to be healed, whole, and human. The universal human longing for redemption

Whispers Of A Tired Soul

DANISH ASHRAF KHAN

Life is not just a word — it is an entire story. A story woven with dreams and broken hopes, silent tears and unspoken prayers, loud thoughts and quiet endurance. Each person lives their own version of this narrative. Some live it with ease, some with pain, and many carry a smile while hiding a storm within.

Our journey begins the moment we open our eyes to this world. Childhood feels innocent, untouched by the complexities of life. But as the years pass, reality quietly enters, changing how we see and feel. At twelve or thirteen, our minds begin to stir, emotions deepen, and we start searching for meaning. By twenty, those emotions are replaced with responsibilities. By thirty, life becomes a battle between dreams and duties — between what the heart desires and what the world demands.

I have felt this within myself.

Life is a test — not one written on paper, but a test of patience, understanding, and unshakable faith. And truth be told, it is never easy. While we may appear strong on the outside, inside, many of us are barely holding on. Our minds echo with endless questions: What should I do? How do I care for my family? How do I move forward? These thoughts grow heavier each day.

Take the poor man who wakes before dawn with one simple wish — to earn enough to feed his children. He works under the harsh sun, comes home with tired limbs and a heavy heart, still wondering how to pay school fees, buy clothes, or answer the questions in his children's eyes. I have seen this pain. It is real.

When children grow up, new worries are born. A father begins to think of their future — their education, their marriage, their place in society. The night before his daughter's wedding, sleep escapes him. He's not just giving his daughter away — he's giving away a piece of his world.

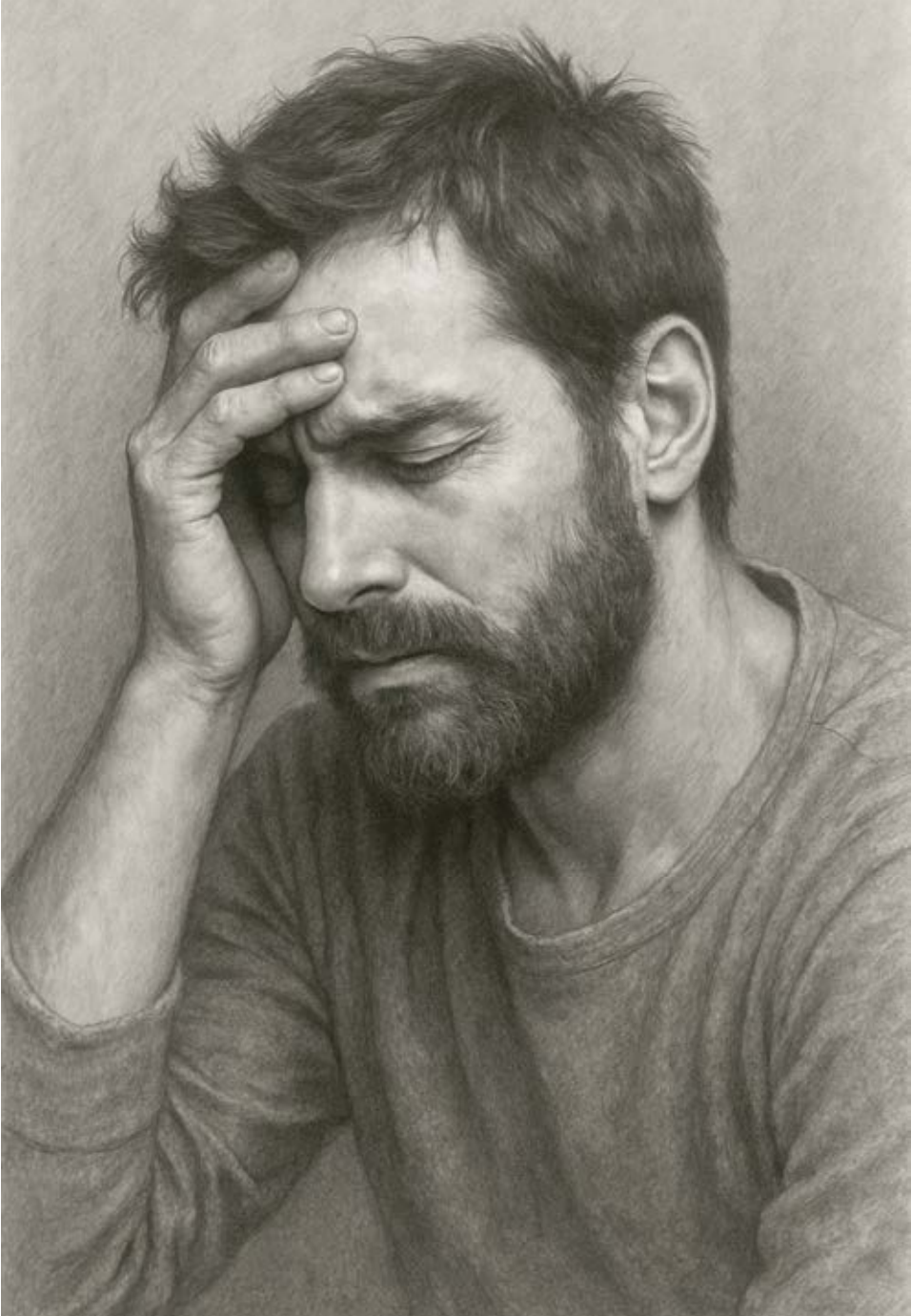
Students, too, carry heavy burdens. They live in constant fear: What if I study hard and still don't get a job? What if my dreams remain just dreams? Even those who are employed — drivers, guards, laborers — live in quiet fear: What if I reach late? What if I lose my job? Peace walks slowly while life races forward. We run endlessly, yet feel we never arrive.

In our efforts to understand life, we often forget to live it. We drown in thoughts that hurt more than they help. In trying to find ourselves, we sometimes lose our way. And even when everything seems okay on the outside, a strange emptiness lingers within. I've felt that too — the quiet ache of a tired soul.

But amid all this, one truth always remains. When we are weary, broken, and hopeless — we lift our eyes to the sky and whisper: "Ya Allah, it's all in Your hands now."

Because only Allah knows the whole story. Only He understands the silence behind our smiles. Only He can write a better chapter for tomorrow.

We believe — and perhaps that belief is the true meaning of life.



Conclusion:
Life is a constant struggle. It is not always fair, and rarely easy. But between hard days and sleepless nights, there is still hope. Pain teaches us strength. Problems teach us wisdom. Faith teaches us perseverance. So let us live each day with

patience and courage. Let us thank Allah for every breath. For life may not be perfect — but with faith, it can still be beautiful.

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Div Com Discusses Policy for Repair, Renovation Within 200m of Dal Lake

SRINAGAR: To frame a comprehensive policy to address the issue of repair & renovation of houses & buildings within 200 meters of Dal Lake, a meeting of committee members was held under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today, here.

The meeting discussed and deliberated on the agenda points which includes to lay down the norms/eligibility conditions for declaring a building to have been constructed legitimately, prior to imposition of ban by the Hon'ble High court.

It also discussed norms for granting permissions by the BOCALCMA for carrying out repair/renovation/reconstruction of the legitimately constructed buildings within 200 meters of the Dal/Nigeen Lakes, prior to imposition of ban on 19.07.2002.

The members also discussed prescribing norms to be followed by the buildings for sustainable construction using alternate technologies in order to make



granted permission for repair/renovation/reconstruction for ensuring scientific and proper waste disposal. Further, measures the construction process like friendly and norms for maintaining aesthetics and heritage patterns were also discussed.

H&H Deptt Kashmir, NIFT Srinagar host Capacity Building Workshop on Packaging & Branding under RAMP

SRINAGAR: As part of its continued efforts to strengthen the MSME ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir, Department of Handicrafts and Handloom (H&H), Kashmir, successfully organized a one-day capacity building programme under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) initiative.

RAMP is an ambitious flagship scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, supported by the World Bank.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat presided over as the chief guest while officials from District Administration, Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) were also present.

Programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of over 100 artisans and craftsmen

from district Srinagar, Budgam, and Ganderbal, who benefited from expert sessions and practical insights into product packaging, branding, and market readiness - essential components for expanding their reach into national and international markets.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner highlighted Srinagar's identity as a historical, cultural, and craft heritage hub and emphasized the need to preserve and promote the region's centuries-old artisanal traditions through modern means of branding, packaging, and market integration.

He underlined the importance of grassroots awareness about government schemes and expressed satisfaction over the department's proactive approach in conducting such programmes.

Dr. Bhat also engaged directly with artisans, encouraging open dialogue and collecting valuable feedback to strengthen future initiatives.

He noted, "Srinagar City is a living museum of craft and heritage.

Our artisans are the torchbearers of this legacy, and through such programmes, we can ensure they receive the support, training, and exposure they deserve to thrive in a

competitive marketplace."

Subject experts and faculty members from NIFT Srinagar conducted the technical sessions by delivering focused modules on modern branding techniques, design aesthetics, market trends, and sustainable packaging solutions tailored to local crafts.

This event marks a significant step in building institutional capacities, empowering local producers, and creating sustainable livelihoods through the GI/ODOP/DEH framework.

The programme also aimed to sensitize stakeholders about the RAMP initiative and create a collaborative environment for MSME development.

The department shall be conducting another one-day capacity building programme on 28th May 2025, with several more in the pipeline across the Union Territory, focusing on artisans and producers working on GI/ODOP/DEH products.

DC Kulgam Inaugurates e-Library, Digital Initiatives at GHSS Qaimoh

KULGAM: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan Wednesday visited Government Higher Secondary School Qaimoh as

part of an outreach programme to engage with students, teachers and take appraisal of new initiatives started by the institution.

During the visit, DC interacted with students, inquired about

their academic progress, and discussed various initiatives aimed at improving digital education in the institution.

DC also reviewed the infrastructure and facilities available in the school, inaugurated e-library, e-magazine and Noordin Drug de-addiction trophy.

The visit also aimed to foster collaboration between

the district administration and educational institutions, improve education quality, identify areas for improvement and implement initiatives to enhance digital education to keep pace with latest interventions in education sector.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that Qaimoh HSS will be pioneering institution in future owing to its new digital initiatives introduced.

Earlier the Principal HSS, Dr Sajad Mir extended gratitude to district administration for the cooperation and support they got in implementing the new initiatives.

It is worth mentioning that HSS Qaimoh has become the first school in district to excel in online learning.

Distt admin Srinagar reaches out to the fire victims of Narwara Nawakadal



SRINAGAR: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, a team of District Administration, Srinagar led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed today visited Narwara Dangerpora in Nawakadal area of the City to provide immediate assistance to the fire affected families whose houses were gutted in a fire incidents here on Tuesday.

The immediate relief was sanctioned by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and was provided to the affected families in the form of blankets, mattresses, kitchen sets etc, besides cash amount to each affected families as an interim relief out of the District Red Cross Fund.

Admin Cracks Down on Violations; 30 Vehicles E-Challaned, 59,500 Fined

Bilal Habib

Pulwama: Continuing its crackdown on traffic violations and unsafe driving practices, the District Administration Pulwama, under the directions of the Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Pulwama, conducted a special traffic enforcement drive near the Government Girls Higher Secondary School on Tahab Road for the third consecutive day.

The enforcement team inspected over 60 vehicles during the drive, of which 30 were found violating the Motor Vehicles Act and were subsequently e-challaned. Officials estimated the total penalty from these e-challans to be around Rs 59,500.

Officials stated that the drive

aimed to ensure strict adherence to road safety regulations, especially in sensitive zones such as school areas. They added that such operations form part of a sustained campaign to promote road discipline, instill a sense of responsibility among motorists, and reduce the risk of road accidents.

In a related operation on Tuesday, prompted by complaints regarding commercial vehicles blocking the school gate and its vicinity, the ARTO Enforcement Team carried out an intensive checking operation on the Pulwama-Tahab Road. A total of 50 vehicles were inspected during the drive, leading to 28 e-challans issued for various traffic violations. The penalty amount from this round of enforcement is estimated at Rs 38,000.

Officials reiterated that these enforcement actions underscore the administration's commitment to maintaining traffic order and ensuring the safety of commuters, particularly in school zones.

The ARTO Pulwama has affirmed that similar drives will continue in the days ahead and urged the general public to cooperate by following traffic norms diligently.

11 Vehicles seized for illegal extraction of minor minerals in Handwara

KUPWARA: Acting on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan, Geology & Mining Department, conducted a special raid today at Handwara to curb the illegal extraction of minor minerals.

During the operation, District Mineral Officer (DMO) seized 11 vehicles including tippers, tractors after they were found illegally transporting bajri (gravel), sand, and silt from the nallah at various places of Handwara, Chowgal, Kralgund and Zachaldar.

The seized vehicles were subsequently handed over to the concerned police stations for safe custody.

DMO cautioned the offenders against engaging in unlawful mining activities and emphasized that strict legal action would be taken under the Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, specifically Section 21, as enforced under the J&K Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016 (SRO 105).

The district administration has reiterated its commitment to protecting natural resources and warned of intensified action against illegal mining in the region.

Heat Wave: BARAMULLA Admin urges public to take precautions

BARAMULLA: In view of the rising temperatures and ongoing heat wave conditions, the office of the Chairman DDMA/Deputy Commissioner Baramulla has issued a detailed advisory aimed at safeguarding public health and ensuring a coordinated response from government departments.

The advisory outlines preventive measures to reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke, dehydration, and the worsening of pre-existing health conditions.

For the general public, the advisory stresses the importance of staying hydrated by drinking sufficient water, wearing light-colored cotton clothing, and using hats, umbrellas, or sunscreen when going outdoors.

"Citizens are advised to remain indoors during peak heat hours (11 AM to 4 PM), keep indoor spaces cool using curtains, fans, or coolers, and check regularly on vulnerable individuals such as the elderly, children, and those with chronic health issues," read the advisory.

The public was also cautioned against

direct exposure to sunlight during midday, leaving children or pets in parked vehicles, engaging in strenuous physical activity during hot hours, and consuming alcohol, caffeine, or heavy meals.

Government departments have been instructed to ensure uninterrupted water supply in vulnerable areas, maintain a regulated power supply to prevent outages, and keep healthcare facilities prepared for any spike in heat-related illnesses.

Departments are also advised to conduct public awareness campaigns, provide

hydration facilities in public places, and restrict outdoor labor during high-heat periods.

Furthermore, departments are urged not to delay emergency responses to heat stroke cases, to avoid scheduling outdoor public events during extreme heat, and to ensure swift resolution of public complaints related to water or electricity supply.

Timely dissemination of weather alerts has also been emphasized.

Health Department was instructed to establish heat stroke clinics across the district and to ensure the availability of Oral Rehydration Solutions (ORS), essential medicines, and other emergency healthcare resources.

District Administration has appealed to the public to follow the recommended guidelines and cooperate fully with the authorities.

Collective efforts and timely precautions are key to minimizing the impact of the heat wave and ensuring public safety.

DIPR organises Drug awareness program at GHSS Nagam Chadoora

BUDGAM: A day-long awareness program under the banner of Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan was organized today at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Nagam by the Cultural Unit Kashmir, Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) J&K, in collaboration with GHSS Nagam.

The event witnessed active participation from students, teachers and artists, all coming together to raise their voices against the alarming rise of drug abuse in society.

Student speakers eloquently addressed the ill effects of substance abuse and stressed the need for immediate and collective action to eradicate the menace.

In her address, Vice Principal of GHSS Nagam, Afshana Ashraf emphasized the crucial role educational institutions must play in spreading awareness about drug abuse and counseling the youth against such harmful practices.

Cultural Officer Kashmir,

Burhan Hussain underlined the importance of mass awareness in countering the widespread issue of drug addiction, particularly among the younger generation.

A powerful thematic song was presented by Feroz Ahmed Shah and his group, earning loud applause from the audience for its emotional resonance and impactful message.

The highlight of the event was a short play staged by

artists from Tulkul Arts, which creatively portrayed the social and psychological consequences of drug abuse and left a lasting impression on the audience.

Principal GHSS Nagam, Tahir-ul-Hamid, thanked the Cultural Unit Kashmir, DIPR for organizing the event and appealed to all societal stakeholders to empathize with and support the emotional and mental well-being of the youth.

DGR-Sponsored Solar Training for Armed Forces Personnel Begins in Jammu

Jammu: A Pre-Release Course (PRC) on "Solar Panel Installation Technician" for Armed Forces personnel was inaugurated today at the IEDUP Project Office in Jammu. The program, sponsored by the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence, Government of India, is being conducted under the aegis of the MSME & Export Promotion Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

The training initiative was formally inaugurated by the Director, Directorate of Resettlement Zone (DRZ) North, in the presence of the Regional Head of IEDUP, officials from the Jammu Project Office, and other dignitaries.

This specialized skill-based training program is tailored to equip Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs) of the armed forces with essential technical expertise in solar energy.

Designed as a part of their resettlement support, the course aims to prepare retiring personnel for self-employment and sustainable livelihood opportunities in the renewable energy sector.

Addressing the gathering, the Director of DRZ (North) underlined the importance of imparting future-ready skills to defense personnel in alignment with national missions such as Atmanirbhar Bharat and

Skill India. He lauded IEDUP's commitment to providing hands-on, practical training that boosts employment readiness and entrepreneurial capabilities.

The course curriculum includes in-depth modules on solar panel installation, system maintenance, and entrepreneurship, enabling participants to either seek meaningful employment or launch their own ventures in the green energy domain.

IEDUP reaffirmed its dedication to strengthening the country's skilling ecosystem and expressed pride in supporting the career transition of the nation's soldiers into productive civilian roles.

RAMP Awareness programme held at GDC D.H Pora

KULGAM: District Industries Centre (DIC) Kulgam today conducted an awareness creation cum outreach programme under RAMP (Raising and Accelerating of MSME Performance) at Govt Degree College D.H. Pora.

Officers from line departments viz. Lead District Manager Kulgam, besides representatives from KVIB, SICIOP, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Handicrafts/ Handloom, CSC centres and Cooperatives Department, Industrial Promotion Officers and other officials of DIC Kulgam were present in the programme.

More than 100 beneficiaries from various departments, viz. Handicrafts/ Handloom, Cooperatives, Agriculture, and industrial unit holders of DIC Kulgam attended the programme.

In the inaugural address, participants and other stakeholders were sensitized about the importance and vibrancy of Udyam Registration for taking their business and industrial establishments to new heights in collaboration with the Government and the flagship schemes run by it.

The process flow and benefits under Udyam Registration was explained to the participants through a detailed powerpoint presentation by the IPOs of DIC, Kulgam.

On the occasion Lead Bank Manager, Kulgam; Principal, Degree College also delivered lectures regarding entrepreneurship and the benefits of registration.

JMC encourages students for plastic-free, green campus at GCW Parade

JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation, under the guidance of the Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav and in collaboration with Government College for Women, Parade Jammu, organized an awareness campaign on Solid Waste Management themed "Char Bin Apnao, Prakriti Bachao" here on the College Campus. The drive focused on source segregation and the ban on single-use plastics.

The move aimed to promote a plastic-free, green campus by encouraging students and faculty to adopt sustainable waste management practices and help reduce plastic pollution.

The campaign saw active participation from the College Principal, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, reflecting strong institutional commitment.

Dr. Gurpreet Kour, NSS Programme Officer, and Kapleshwar Sharma, IEC Executive at JMC, efficiently coordinated the activities, leading NSS volunteers and staff in executing the awareness drive.

Representatives from Jammu Municipal Corporation Sikander and Ankush Sharma, interacted with professors and students, emphasizing the importance of creating a single-use plastic-free campus.

DLSA Srinagar organises awareness programme on LSUM

SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar, in collaboration with Vitasta Law College, Srinagar, organized an awareness programme today on the legal provisions relating to mental illness and persons with intellectual disabilities (LSUM).

The event aimed to sensitize future legal professionals and the academic community about the legal challenges and support mechanisms available for vulnerable sections of

society. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, and under the supervision of Sajad Ur Rehman, Sub-Judge/Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, besides attended by Rakib Zia, Principal of Vitasta Law College; Fatima Shah and Nosheen Ismail, Assistant Professors; Advocate Suhaila Ali, Panel Lawyer of DLSA Srinagar & Para Legal Volunteers of the Authority and the Law Students of the

Vitasta Law College.

Advocate Laila Khalid, who served as the resource person, conducted an informative session covering crucial legal safeguards and rights of individuals affected by mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

Students namely Shabnam Basheer, Tabyat Mushtaq, and Midhat from the 4th and 6th semesters also addressed the gathering.

Mystic Thoughts

Making Marriage Easy: Evolving a Joint Action Plan



DR MAROOF SHAH

Life is easy. Our basic requirements are very few. We don't need much money to live soulfully or meaningfully. We don't need to own house but can get one on rent. We are encouraged to live simple lives and not covet luxuries. We don't need government employment to sustain ourselves. Food is damn cheap. Clothes don't cost much and we can use second hand ones as well. We need to teach children to live lives gracefully, with dignity and not coveting comforts or riches which often go against higher aspirations of intellectual and spiritual life. Most of great men have lived simple lives. Even some of the richest like Warren Buffet and Ratan Tata have lived simple lives. Saints, in general, have lived lives of exemplary simplicity. Tolstoy and spiritual writers have shown deeper meaning of the Gospel to lie un choosing poverty over riches. All great traditional cultures have valorized lives that don't cost much for the environment or limited resource base. Wherefrom is interiorized the notion of riches are linked to happiness. Happy people live simply living off the inner riches. Travelling light on earth is what has been propounded by great minds. In a prophetic tradition we find markets as worst places. We haven't been told by great teachers to opt for consumerist life style. Simplicity is ultimate sophistication. A minimalist life style is what leads to greater joy or fulfillment in life. Budget for make-up of certain brides is enough for funding food for years. More money is spent and destroyed by the rich on marriage than is needed for the food and education of the poor for whole life. These deserve to be named and shammed. We need to teach children the beauty of simplicity and obscenity of extravagance.

Community kitchens would help to resolve the problem of domestic chores. The State, NGOs and local Mohalla committees or self help groups can coordinate community kitchen for five to ten families which would also generate employment for one person for two to three kitchens. Food can come prepared and cleanliness ordered for houses from community kitchens. Although ideal solution would have been families sharing meals on weekends and choosing to do chores of other families once a week, second best solution is community kitchen that feeds adjacent families. We can create near mosques/shrines such langar spaces that would feed anyone who asks and necessary resources can come from daily sadaqah/ other contributions of local community. There are steps being taken for institutionalizing the idea in different places in Kashmir and initial reports are promising.

If we could focus on teaching generations or students virtues of simple life – and simple marriage, community spirit or sharing of resources and infaq of time and skills – there would hardly be such problems as late and expensive marriages. Those who demand huge resources for marriage, for houses, for starting business generally are failures in the examination of life. It is the responsibility of guardians – here lies the real significance of this institution whose role is often perceived to be an obstruction in healthy marriage arrangement – extended family and community to marry girls at proper age (early 20s) to avoid problems on account of late marriage. Now there is no institutional or implementable moral framework to ensure this. Livelihood and marriage expenses for the bride could be planned after the birth of a daughter or after secondary education by tying up her in silent partnership agreements with local businesses or buying share certificates or helping her work on part time basis. Interest free credit cooperatives could be strengthened and accounts created for daughters by parents/guardians. Investing properly Rs 100 every month in her name for 20 years in various profitable ventures could give us some multiples of principal amount 100x12x20=24000 for basic marriage expenses and investing Rs10 daily for 20 years (73000 is principal amount only) could create good capital and profit share for livelihood support to cater for anxiety over resources that often delays marriages.

Inheritance Share obtainable at Marriage

Given very few Muslim women receive inheritance share due to them and it is often in the name of dower that is adjusted or written off in favour of women, it is proposed to transfer her inheritance shares or consent to transfer such shares when demanded or in case of divorce. Given there has been huge failure of Muslim community to ensure Islamic inheritance law pertaining to women, massive awareness campaign regarding it that shall target every would be bride and institutions from mosque to women based groups besides courts and concerned families/relatives of the deceased at the time of distribution of shares. All shall be required to write wills for community causes in general, paying missed zakat and due shares as per guidance of Islam. Name and shame campaign against usurpers of women's rights would be part of the campaign. It should be part of marriage contract to execute due inheritance share transfer as part of payable dower. Let mehr be on lower side (in thousands or under two lacs) but associated treasure of gifts should be transferable to women from inheritance. Parents can choose to transfer share due to women as part of will before death or choose to gift this share at the time of marriage. Imams who solemnize nikah can make extracting commitment for share transfer as part of their speech at the occasion. Let every Muslim woman insist on livelihood support or post-marriage pension from investment of her share from property. Let mehr be treated as investment capital for future income support even if it is a few hundred/month.

Mehr Investment Fund

Mehr is often ample seed capital for investment to carve recurring income support from profits. If complemented by investing inheritance share in form of kind or cash gold (obtained as part of mehr-dower) through interest free loan against gold or converting gold into cash would ensure basic needful post-marriage pension. In cases where parents can't afford this much

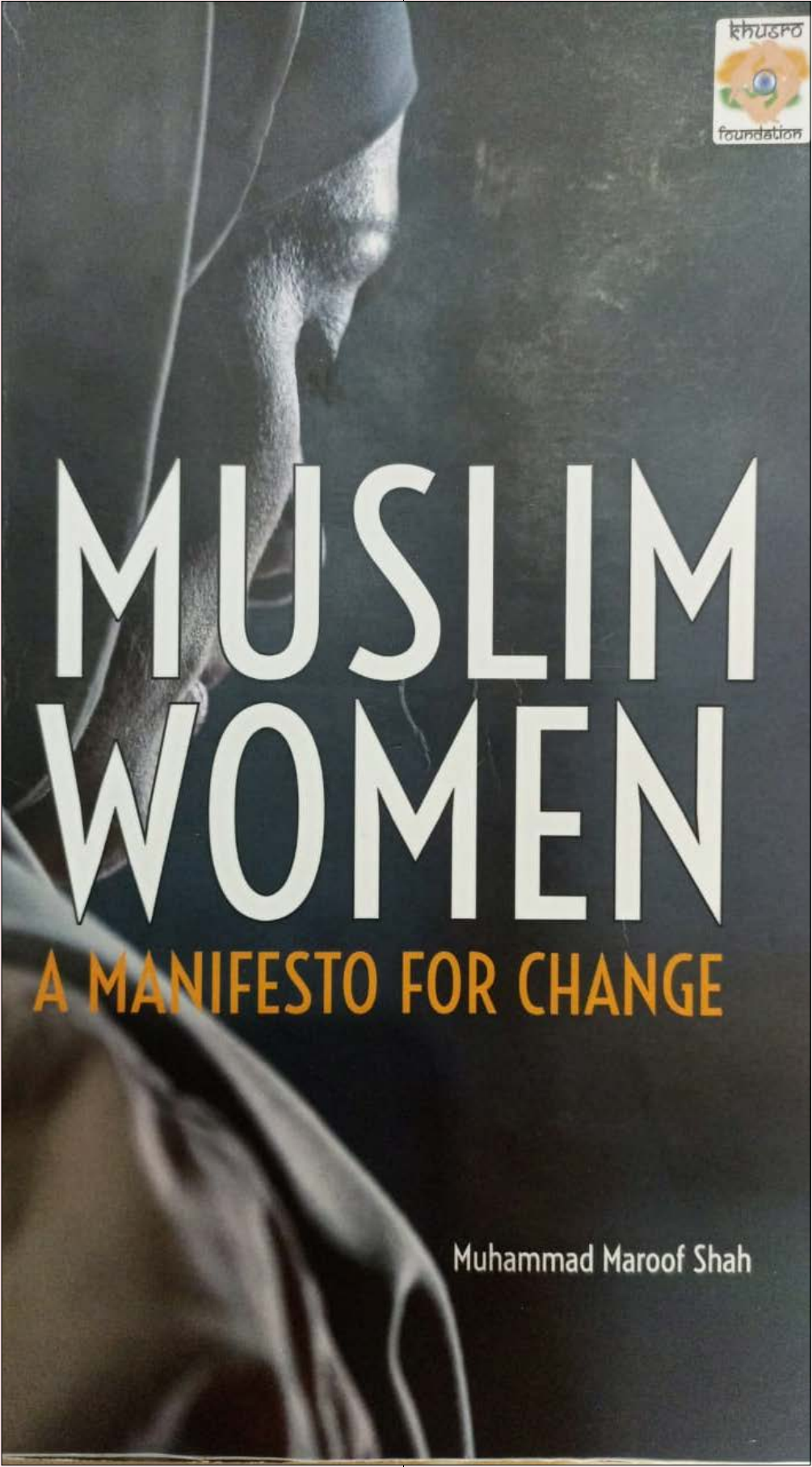
local charitable institutions/bait al-amwal could deposit this safekeeping fund. Besides marriage cheques and other things in kind, sufficient for one needy bride, can be collected from infaq by local bait al-mal sufficient for one marriage every year could be distributed in Ramadhan for one case from part of sadaqat al fitr.

Easy Nikah Document to be prepared and sent to all friday mosque Imams who shall get it widely disseminated and explained to audience and make it a point to teach bride and groom at the time of solemnizing nikah. It should be taught in special marriage training sessions conducted for every prospective bride and groom at local levels. There should be special classes in colleges as well on model nikah nama.

It shall consist of largely ignored or forgotten ethic of marriage and shall be disseminated far and wide, in every home where marriage is expected. Model document shall summarize Islamic teachings on simplicity and avoiding extravagance and various firms of injustice that are making marriage difficult. The

Divorce the Last Option

Love makes possible all things. If we could truly love, unconditionally love we would secure our redemption and domestic peace. Isn't it, put love of God and neighbor at the center and find this world transform into a paradise? That is the insight of arguably the greatest novel ever written The Brothers Karamazov. If our society and education system could teach us investing whole life in love – and we could understand how God is love and attention and humility concealed forms of love and our deepest need one of love and with such writers as Doris Lessing that all problems are ultimately traceable to deficiency of love and with saints such as Rumi how love is the royal road to God – we could make divorce, ordinarily, unimaginable. If we understand that it is not assertion of ego of revenge but unconditional forgiveness that makes us truly happy and the world a joy, we would invest in suing ourselves for all kinds of ego pathologies or cure



following is proposed as rough draft for the same.

- Muslims are commanded to avoid tabzir (spending on sinful things) and israf (extravagant spending). Muslims should avoid attending any gathering where these sins are shamelessly or publicly practiced.
- Imams shall boycott any marriage where anything against the value system of simplicity and no to extravagance and injusitc is being done. They shall not solemnize such nikah mehfls.
- I suggest opening up all women seminary that sees the issue of fatwas coming from recognized but male dominated institutions like Deoband and Azhar. In this seminary should be world body of scholars trained in traditional Islamic jurisprudence and modern disciplines who frame opinions for women or at least scrutinize fatwas of men. It mayn't be difficult for Muslim women of diverse persuasions to identify with the burning passion for justice of certain die hard atheistic and we can come on common terms for securing cooperation and voluntary associations to resolve most of problems – we can frame strategic alliances with women of other faiths and even atheists to seek support for common minimum programme which would include gender equity/justice. I suggest conducting seminars not on such clichés or vague general ideas like rights of women in Islam but concrete agendas like framing model nikah nama, creating NGOs that provide legal advice or even free legal care to women suf-focating under oppressive notions, both "religious" and "secular."

Making Marriages Last by Investing in Love and Making

our inflated sense of ego or agency or power seeking complex.

Comprehensive counseling before and after marriage may prevent need for divorce or khula. There is such a failure in relations due to absence of tarbiyat at different stages. Education fails to address this problem. Other institutions have also failed to cultivate an ethic of relationships in community. As such we must create extensive counseling network and trained human resource for reaching out to future couples. Arbitration councils need to be institutionalized and create spaces for moral pressure to prevent divorce on flimsy grounds. There needs to be created a long term mechanism for choosing, solemnizing and maintaining marriages, following model ethic or advisory for the same. We need accountability of local community institutions such as Mohalla committees and engagement with Panchayats and incentivizing adherence to rights paradigm and providing assistance to those who subscribe to model Nikah namah. Wouldn't it be wise to discourage and penalize divorce by imposing some tax on initiating agent and this tax would support those who get affected, especially children and compensate for the loss of resources of community that were invested in creating a relationship.

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“Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. We must rewire our thinking — teach children the elegance of a minimalist life, the beauty in living light, and the moral obscenity of extravagance. The budgets we blow on bridal makeup or banquet halls could instead feed families for years. The great minds, saints, sages, and thinkers of the world have always urged us to travel light on this earth. Happiness doesn't lie in riches, but in inner richness. Let's raise a generation that finds fulfillment in enough - not in excess.”

“If we could invest our lives in love, simplify our weddings, and build institutional support like community kitchens, counseling centers, and interest-free cooperatives, marriage would cease to be a crisis. Love, humility, and attention are forms of worship. We need to build systems that prevent delays, reduce costs, and foster companionship. A model nikah document, moral pressure from the community, and financial literacy for women can make marriage a means of empowerment — not a test of endurance. Divorce should be a last resort, not an easy exit. With shared effort, we can make marriage easier, kinder, and more just.”

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Every terror

the masters of Pakistani terrorists to their knees and the next time if they raise their eyes towards Mother India, not a single area of theirs would remain untouched by punishment,” the Lieutenant Governor added.

Referring to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists dead, LG Sinha said, “After the attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that the perpetrators would be taught a lesson. The Indian response was swift, strategic, and precise.”

He said that during the intervening night of May 6 and 7, ‘Operation Sindoor’ was launched with a clear mandate: destroy terror infrastructure without causing harm to civilians or military installations. “More than 100 terrorists were eliminated and nine terror camps were wiped out,” he said.

LG Sinha revealed that Pakistan was informed in advance that only terror camps would be targeted. However, Pakistan responded with unprovoked firing and shelling in the Poonch region. “Our forces not only repelled the attack but inflicted heavy losses on the enemy,” he said, saluting the bravery of the Indian soldiers.

He also paid tributes to the civilians and soldiers who laid down their lives during the confrontation.

“In just three days, the enemy was brought to its knees. Pakistan was left pleading before the international community to intervene,” he added.

LG Sinha emphasized that the objective of “Operation Sindoor” was not war but to dismantle the terror machinery. “Today, Pakistan and the world know that every inch of its territory hosting terror camps is within the reach of the Indian Army.”

“Dharma has won and Adharma has surrendered before our weapons and might. I am proud that in just a few days our brave soldiers broke the back of the enemy and today 140 crore citizens are remembering your valour, courage and sacrifice,” the Lieutenant Governor said—(KNO)

LG Sinha interacts

140 crore citizens are remembering your valour, courage and sacrifice,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said, the entire nation is proud of the bravery and valour of our Armed Forces for giving a strong and decisive response to terrorism and dismantling the terror bases in Pakistan.

“Operation Sindoor is living example of India’s military and strategic might. It has also proved that every inch of Pakistan’s land is today the target of our brave soldiers and the enemy knows that if it indulges in future misadventure then it will not survive.

Operation Sindoor has drawn a new red line. In just 23 minutes, India had brought the masters of Pakistani terrorists to their knees and the next time if they raise their eyes towards Mother India, not a single area of theirs would remain untouched by punishment,” the Lieutenant Governor said—(KNO)

Gunners Decimated

running high. It went like a war cry through the ranks of the Indian Army. The bellies of my men were filled with fire.” A commanding officer of a battalion said when the ceasefire understanding was announced, jawans asked as to why it was done. “They were high on morale.” A another captain from the mechanized infantry unit, stationed in the forward defence location of Akhnoor sector, said the operation was “swift, clinical and precise”.

“Once Pakistan could not gain dividends in the hilly sector, they opened fire in the plain sector and civilian areas,” he said.

“Our response was fully in sync with our battalion’s artillery guns and closely coordinated with air defence,” he added.

Despite Pakistan firing thousands of shells, the captain said most of them were ineffective. “Most of the shells sunk into the ground here and there.” He lauded the residents of Akhnoor for their courage and discipline during the shelling. “They tried to hit our civilian areas. Thanks to the people of Akhnoor who worked hand-in-hand with the Indian Army. They trusted and followed all the drills set for them previously. They went into pre-designated bunkers, and all of them were safe and secure.” (Agencies)

BSF foiled

He said that in a decisive and calibrated military operation, the BSF destroyed multiple terrorist hideouts in Pakistan’s Sialkot sector along the India-Pakistan International Border during Operation Sindoor, launched in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists dead.

“Even two weeks after the operation, Pakistani Rangers have reportedly abandoned their posts along the international border, signaling the extent of damage and demoralization inflicted by Indian forces,” he added.

DIG Mand praised the high morale and preparedness of BSF troops, emphasizing the leadership of officers on the frontline. He also highlighted the commendable performance of women soldiers, who operated shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts during the high-stakes confrontation. “We are truly proud of our women troops,” he said.

Following the setbacks during “Operation Sindoor,” Pakistan resorted to drone warfare, attempting to target civilian and military installations in Jammu. However, India’s air defense systems and BSF’s anti-drone units successfully intercepted these drone incursions. On May 9, Pakistan initiated unprovoked firing along the IB and launched drones aimed at BSF camps and border villages, but all such attempts were neutralized—(KNO)

LG Sinha

lost loved ones in artillery shelling by Pakistan between May 8 and 10.

“We have taken a major decision today that one member of each family that lost a loved one in the shelling will be given a government job,” Sinha told reporters here.

He said that the families of the deceased have already been provided compensation of Rs 16 lakh, while the injured have received ex-gratia as per government norms.

Sinha also reviewed the extent of damage caused to homes and commercial establishments and said the administration, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, is committed to swift compensation and restoration.

“An assessment is underway to quantify the damage and once completed, relief will be distributed without delay. The administration is working with urgency,” he said.

Stressing the need for enhanced security infrastructure, the LG announced a significant expansion in the construction of individual and community bunkers under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme.

“The shelling has revealed a shortage of bunkers. We will now begin construction of more bunkers across border districts,” he said.

During his visit, Sinha paid respects at Gurudwara Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib and interacted with the public.

He condemned Pakistan for targeting religious sites, including a gurdwara, a temple and a mosque, calling it a “cowardly attempt to disrupt social harmony”.

“I salute the people of Poonch whose courage has inspired our security forces. The Sikh community and all other citizens stood united against this effort to create religious divisions,” he said.

The LG reiterated the resolve of the Centre, the UT administration, and the armed forces to act firmly against terrorism and those who seek to divide society.

Later, the LG visited the Dungus area affected by shelling and chaired a high-level meeting with senior officials to review ongoing relief and rehabilitation measures.

He directed immediate restoration of essential services, comprehensive assessment for bunker construction, upgradation of healthcare facilities and strengthening of civil defence systems.

“Many houses and business establishments have been damaged in the shelling. I want to say that the Prime Minister and the Home Minister of India have assured support.

“The administration is engaged in assessing the extent of losses incurred. Once that process is complete, approvals will be given at the earliest, and compensation will be distributed,” the Lieutenant Governor said.

Calling for stronger border infrastructure, Sinha acknowledged a shortage of protective structures in the region and announced new initiatives.

“It has come to light that the number of bunkers is insufficient. There’s a pressing need for more. A decision has been taken to construct both community and individual bunkers under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme. Large-scale construction of bunkers will begin in Jammu and Kashmir,” he said.

Emphasising the administration’s resolve to eliminate terrorism, he said, “The army, police and other security forces are working relentlessly to root out terrorism. I appeal to the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir to stand alongside our forces in this anti-terror campaign.

Karnah: Army

humanitarian outreach in border areas affected by conflict. Grateful villagers expressed deep appreciation for the Army’s timely support. Local elders commended the Army not just for its protective presence in the volatile border region, but also for its efforts to stand by civilians in times of crisis.

“One of the shells directly hit the mosque,” a resident told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). “The roof was blown off, and everything inside was damaged. The Army provided new tin sheets, a solar panel, and matting. We are thankful.”

He added that several homes were also damaged during the shelling and appealed for the construction of more bunkers in the area to protect civilians from future incidents—(KNO)

Kashmir Zone

and directed the officers to ensure the installation of CCTV cameras at all strategic locations. He emphasised the need for adequate manpower deployment at each Amarnath Yatra camp and in sensitive areas.

The IGP stressed the importance of intelligence-driven operations, timely threat assessments, and proactive measures to mitigate potential risks..

NC’s Working

and tribute to martyrs, reaffirmation of commitment to special status, demand for immediate restoration of statehood, appeal for sustained peace and dialogue, commitment to manifesto promises and condemnation of targeted harassment across the country.

The resolutions include:

Condemnation of violence and tribute to martyrs

The Working Committee strongly condemned the horrific Baisaran attack that claimed the lives of 26 innocent individuals, including a young Kashmiri, Syed Adil Hussain Shah. It also denounced the continued cross-border shelling that took the lives of 23 innocent civilians

The Committee expressed deep sorrow and solidarity with the bereaved families. It also paid heartfelt tributes to the Working Committee members and party activists who have passed away since the last meeting, acknowledging their invaluable contributions and unwavering dedication.

Reaffirmation of commitment to special status

The Working Committee unanimously reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir’s special status. The Committee reiterated that this is central to the aspirations and dignity of the people and must be addressed without further delay, and we will continue to fight for its restoration.

Demand for immediate restoration of statehood

The Working Committee also urged the Government of India to restore full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir immediately, as promised on the floor of Parliament and repeatedly echoed in the public domain and also as committed by the constitution bench of the Supreme Court.

Appeal for sustained peace and dialogue

The Committee welcomed the announcement of a ceasefire and called upon both countries to uphold peace and explore long-lasting, peaceful solutions to end violence.

Commitment to manifesto promises

The Working Committee reiterated the party’s unwavering commitment to the promises made in its manifesto. It reaffirmed its resolve to continue the political and constitutional struggle for justice, peace, and the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir through democratic means.

The Working Committee appreciated the spontaneous and overwhelming support of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in

BJP Unfurls Patriotism in Tral with Tricolor Rally under ‘Operation Sindoor’

PULWAMA: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today held a grand Tricolor Rally in Tral under the banner of Operation Sindoor. The vibrant event aimed to ignite patriotic spirit, promote unity, and stand firm against cross-border terrorism.

Hundreds of BJP workers, supporters, and local residents thronged the streets, proudly waving the Indian national flag and chanting slogans of national integrity. The rally created a powerful visual of unity and collective commitment to safeguarding India’s sovereignty.

Leading the spirited procession was BJP spokesperson Altaf Thakor, joined by a host of senior party leaders including former Pulwama district president



Mohd Lateef Bhat, Ex-General Secretary Mohd Shafi Wani, and several ex-constituency presidents such as Farooq Ahmad, Raj Mohd, Ajaz Shah, and Babita Bhat. Current constituency president Nazir Ahmad also played a key role in mobilizing support for the event.

Operation Sindoor, a patriotic outreach initiative, aims to connect with citizens at the grassroots level, spreading messages of national pride and resistance against external threats. Today’s rally in Tral marked a significant milestone in the campaign, echoing a strong message of unity and resilience from the heart of South Kashmir.

unequivocally condemning the Baisaran attack in Pahalgam. It also acknowledged the compassion and hospitality extended to tourists who found themselves stranded in the Valley during challenging circumstances.

The Committee called upon the Government of India to recognise and respect this powerful expression of solidarity and not squander the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity extended by the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It further cautioned that arbitrary arrests, harassment of youth, targeted use of bulldozers, and intimidation of legitimate media voices will only alienate the very people who have stood firmly for peace and against violence.

Condemnation of Targeted Harassment Across the Country: The Working Committee expressed serious concern over the reports of harassment faced by students, traders, and residents from Jammu and Kashmir in various parts of the country. It strongly condemned their selective targeting in the aftermath of recent events.

The Committee called upon all state governments to ensure the safety, dignity, and protection of the lives and property of all people from Jammu and Kashmir living or working in other parts of India—(KNO)

PDP Leader Condemns

special status to Jammu and Kashmir. It also passed a resolution calling on the Centre to restore statehood to the Union Territory immediately.

The ruling NC’s Working Committee also discussed the prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack and armed confrontation between India and Pakistan, sources said.

The meeting began with the participants observing a two-minute silence as a mark of respect to those killed in the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22.

The meeting was chaired by NC president Farooq Abdullah. J-K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who is vice president of the party, was also present.

“JKNC Working Committee meeting was held at party headquarters in Nawa-I-Subh, Srinagar, under the chairmanship of president Dr Farooq Abdullah. Honourable CM Omar Abdullah (@OmarAbdullah) was also present,” the ruling party posted on its X handle. (Agencies)

Operation Sindoor

the first team, led by JD(U) MP Sanjay Jha, will travel to Japan, followed by visits to South Korea (May 24), Singapore (May 27), Indonesia (May 28), and Malaysia (May 31). The delegation comprises MPs from various political parties, including the BJP, TMC, CPI(M), and Congress, alongside former diplomats. Their task is to engage with political leaders, policymakers, think tanks, and media in East Asia to present India’s account of recent events and its broader counter-terrorism position.

The second delegation, under Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde, began its outreach in the UAE on May 21. The group will also visit African countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo (May 24), Sierra Leone (May 28), and Liberia (May 31). This delegation includes members from the BJP, BJD, IUML, and other parties, as well as former diplomats.

Before the teams departed, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefed all members on India’s approach, with reference to the April 22 incident in Pahalgam, where 26 civilians were killed.

The brief was about India’s recent retaliatory operations across the Line of Control and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on May 7, followed by missile and drone attacks from the Pakistani side.

A ceasefire understanding was reached between the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOs) on May 10.

The delegations, comprising members from various political parties, are tasked with presenting India’s case to international stakeholders. Their engagements will include discussions with foreign ministers, lawmakers, policy analysts, and representatives from multilateral institutions.

Officials involved in the outreach have stated that the delegations will seek to present credible evidence regarding Pakistan’s involvement in cross-border terrorism and push for coordinated international action. The broader aim is to diplomatically isolate Pakistan while bolstering global support for India’s counter-terrorism efforts.

This outreach is notable for its bipartisan nature. Leaders from both the ruling party and the opposition are participating in a unified diplomatic initiative, reflecting a shared national stance on terrorism.

The effort has drawn comparisons to the 1994 campaign led by former Prime Minister A B Vajpayee, who represented India at the United Nations Human Rights Commission to counter external pressure on Kashmir.

The first two delegations departed today for Japan and the United Arab Emirates, officially beginning the outreach. Over the coming days, five more teams will travel to a total of 32 countries and the European Union. Together, they will represent a coordinated effort to communicate India’s security concerns and its policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism on the international stage—(KNO)

Heatwave Grips

temperature by 1 to 2 degrees Celsius is expected with the possibility of a heatwave at scattered places of Kashmir division till May 23.

He said that generally hot & dry weather is expected with the possibility of a brief spell of light rain at isolated places mainly towards late afternoon till May 26.

Ahmad said that from May 27 to 31, the weather would remain generally hot & dry with the possibility of a brief spell of light rain and thundershower at scattered places.

Meanwhile, the MeT in its advisory said that a rise in maximum temperature by 1-2 degrees Celsius is expected with possibility of a heatwave at scattered places of Kashmir division till May 23 and fall by 2 to 3 degrees Celsius thereafter.

Also, it reads that a rise in maximum temperature is expected by 2-3 degrees Celsius with the possibility of a heatwave over Jammu division till 26th May.

—“Possibility of thunder, gusty winds at isolated places towards late afternoon can’t be ruled out,” the advisory reads—(KNO)

Academic Sessions Restoration: JK-BOSE notifies new academic schedule

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) Wednesday notified the new academic schedule following the restoration of academic session from March to November.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), JKBOSE further clarified that due to change in academic calendar in winter Zone areas in 2024, the Annual regular 2025 examination is scheduled to be held in Oct-Nov of 2025 and in summer zone of Jammu division in Feb-March 2026 respectively.

The board further said, “Previous academic calendar is restored from the current year (2025) in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Union Territories.”

“The Academic session in case of Kashmir division and winter Zone areas of Jammu division and U.T of Ladakh shall be 2024-25, entailing conduct of the Annual Regular Examinations of the 10th, 11th and 12th classes in October-November 2025,” it reads.

It also said that the Academic Session in case of summer zone of Jammu division shall be 2025-26, entailing conduct of annual regular examination of 9th, 10th, 11h and 12th classes in March-April 2026.

In 2024, the Council of Ministers Decision accorded the sanction to the restoration of the academic calendar from March-April to November-December for classes 1st to 9th.

The government had said that “For the session 2024-25, the restoration of the previous academic calendar (November-December session) shall be done with respect to classes 1st to 9th whose examinations shall be held during the months of November-December, 2024.”

It had further said that for the students of classes 10th to 12th, the restoration of the Academic Session (to November-December session) shall be done from the academic session 2025-26.

Earlier in 2022, the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education and School Education Department has said that the Uniform Academic Calendar shall be followed from academic year 2022-23—(KNO)

J&K Govt Orders Physical Verification Of Stores In R&B Department

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Public Works (R&B) Department has directed physical verification of all stores at the divisional level.

As per an order, Committees have been formed at the zonal level with the Chief Accounts Officer as Chairman, and Executive Engineer and Assistant Accounts Officer as members.

These committees will verify store records, assess the condition of items, and recommend disposal of surplus, obsolete, or unserviceable items within one month.

The process will be carried out under the supervision of the Chief Engineer, following GFR guidelines, and responsibility will be fixed in cases of loss due to negligence or fraud.

NOTICE

I would like to make correction in name and Date of Birth mentioned in Aadhar card bearing Aadhar number 3885 3291 1047 as well as School record of my daughter namely Seerat Jan to Seerat Iqbal and D.O.B 28-01-2016 to 17-01-2014 as mentioned in the DOB certificate issued. Anybody having any objection in this regard may contact the concerned authorities within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections shall be entertained after the said period.

Mohd Iqbal Khatana
F/o. Seerat Iqbal
R/o. Nagwani, Arin Dardpora Bandipora-193502

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This is an information for general public that in my Driving licence bearing Registration No JK15 20250000594, my parantege has been Mistakenly Mentioned as Muzamil Jaleel, while as my Actual and correct parantege is Ab Ahad Wani. Now i want to apply for its correction in this regard any person having any objection he/she may file the Objections in office of the Assistant Regional Transport Office Bandipora with in a period of seven days from the date of the publication of this notice , after that no objection shall be accepted .

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It's Going To Be A Tough England Tour For India: **Rathour**



Former batting coach Vikram Rathour is expecting a tough England tour for a young Indian side that is now without three stalwarts, who left the Test arena in quick succession.

First it was veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and then skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli too walked into the sunset, leaving a huge gap.

Shubman Gill will most likely be India's new Test skipper and will have a new-look top and middle order.

The five-match series will begin on June 20 at Leeds, marking the start of a new World Test Championship cycle.

"It's going to be a tough tour. It's not going to be an easy tour because the seniors have retired a lot. So, the young team is leaving. There could be a new captain. So, all these things will add a little bit of pressure," said Rathour, who spoke after Rajasthan Royals' win over Chennai Super Kings on Tuesday.

"But also it's an opportunity to showcase your talent and your ability."

Rathour, who shared a good rapport with all top Indian batters during his stint, said the fans must respect the decision taken by the senior players.

"All three of them were phenomenal cricketers who retired. So, I would have loved for them to carry on. But it's, again, a very, very personal decision. I'm close to all three of them.

"So, you know, I would have, as I said, I would have loved to see them play more. But, again, it's a very, very personal decision, I think. And if they've taken this decision, we should respect that," he said.

Rathour, who is the batting coach of RR, was expectedly effusive in his praise for their find of the season, the 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi, who played a key role in the team signing off with a win against CSK.

Instead of an extravagant approach, he took some time and waited before unleashing his shots on Tuesday.

"We've been working with him for quite some time now, maybe three to four months now. We've seen all these aspects, but it's great to see when he's doing that in a game, in pressure situations, in a big game like even today. You're right, the ball was doing a bit when he went in, hardly got any balls, didn't get on strike too much in the power play," Rathour said.

"The kind of maturity he showed, the kind of temperament he showed, really good for him. And these kind of experiences will definitely make him a better player in coming time."

Rathour rued that despite having a strong batting unit at their disposal, they lost winnable games and also blamed poor fielding for their misery.

They managed to avoid last-place finish and believe that the worst is over.

"I don't think we fielded very well throughout the tournament. Bowling did let us down a few times where you let them score too many runs, 10, 15 extra runs mostly every game.